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Odenton Man Jailed for 2016 DUI Leading to Head-on Collision

A 28-year-old Odenton man has been sentenced to nine months in jail after pleading guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol that resulted in a head-on collision on Md. Route 175 in June 2016. Michael Andrew Sullivan, of the 400 block of N. Patuxent Road, pleaded guilty in the District Court for Howard County this morning.

According to police and prosecutors, at approximately 3:25 a.m. on June 19, 2016, Sullivan made an illegal left turn at the end of the exit ramp from southbound I-95, speeding eastbound on the westbound lanes of Route 175. His 2016 Volkswagen GTI struck a 2007 Nissan Altima head-on, hospitalizing Sullivan and the driver and passenger in the Nissan. Blood samples drawn from Sullivan at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center revealed a blood alcohol content in excess of double the legal limit.

Howard County Assistant State's Attorney James Brewer told the court, "It's amazing that no one was killed in this accident." Police reports described both vehicles as having "sustained heavy front end damage" and that frontal and side curtain airbags were deployed. Police noted that all drivers and the passenger were wearing seatbelts. Brewer pointedly told the court that the morning of the accident was approximately two weeks after Sullivan's probation before judgment had expired for a previous DUI in Anne Arundel County. "He learned absolutely nothing (from the first incident)," said Brewer.

Sullivan apologized to the court and to the occupants of the Nissan who were present in the courtroom. The passenger in the Nissan recounted her struggles in the aftermath of the accident as she recovers from a broken back and feet, a broken clavicle and a shattered wrist.

At the conclusion of the plea hearing, Judge Wayne A. Brooks sentenced Sullivan to a year in jail, suspending all but nine months, levied a \$500 fine and ordered him to pay court costs. Judge Brooks also placed Sullivan on three years of supervised probation and ordered him to undergo alcohol abuse evaluation, treatment and monitoring.

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